### Snippets

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Donvale Primary School provides students with a positive educational experience to achieve their potential in a comprehensive learning environment that is caring, secure and stimulating.

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### Calendar

**Friday 16th August**
- 3.00-3.45pm: Uniform shop open

**Sunday 18th August**
- 9.00-12.00pm: Working Bee

**Monday 19th August**
- Book Week

**Tuesday 20th August**
- Book Week Activity Day

**Wednesday 21st August**
- Book Fair in the Library

**Thursday 22nd August**
- Book Fair in the Library

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**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

**TUESDAY 10th and Wednesday 11th Sept**
- 7.30pm: School Production

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### Principal’s Column

I was reminded recently of an experiment that was conducted with a group of 4 year old children. The children were taken into a room where they sat at a table. They were given a marshmallow on a plate and told that they could eat the marshmallow immediately if they wanted to, but if they waited until the presenter returned, they could have two marshmallows. The presenter then left the room and the children’s reactions were filmed.

You can imagine some of the responses. A number of children grabbed the marshmallow immediately and ate it, some struggled for a while before eating the sweet and some lasted a bit long before succumbing to the temptation. Another group of the children were able to resist the marshmallow and held out for the promise of the second one which they received – the presenter waiting for up to 15 minutes. There was a follow up to the experiment several years later which showed that the children who were able to delay their gratification performed many times better on a range of measures, including at school, on academic tests and socially. It is interesting in today’s impatient, connected world where people want immediate results and responses, that those children who have developed the ability to reflect, give themselves feedback and control their natural impulsivity will be more able to make good decisions in daily life.

You can check out the very amusing You Tube video of the experiment at:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QX_oy9614HQ

A reminder that we have a Working Bee this Sunday 18th August from 9.00 – 12.00pm. Fingers crossed that the weather remains fine. The forecast is for some rain so we will keep an eye on things and hopefully not be forced to postpone. We hope to see as many families there as possible. Always lots to do particularly with a school with such magnificent grounds. As always, a wonderful sausage sizzle lunch, provided by our PA, awaits the helpers on the day. Many thanks to the members of our Parents Association for their continual support during our Working Bees.

Also a reminder that several updated school policies are available on our website for your perusal. Please feel free to provide me with your feedback. Our next School Council meeting is scheduled for September...
18th where I will be seeking ratification of these policies. If you would like to provide feedback on any of these policies, I would appreciate if it could be prior to this next School Council meeting. The policies are English; Maths; LOTE; The Arts; Physical Education; Integrated Curriculum; Interpersonal Development; Personal Learning; Civics and Citizenship; Design, Creativity and Technology; Thinking Processes; Assessment and Reporting; and Camping. These policies have been updated to reflect our new Australian Curriculum – AusVELS.

The Uniform Committee is still in the process of reviewing and updating our Uniform Policy and Dress Code. I will make this available shortly to our community to seek feedback prior to ratification on September 18th.

Regards

Lena Clark

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**General**

**Student Absences – Parent Responsibilities**
I am not sure that all parents are aware of their obligations regarding the attendance of their children at school. The DEECD policy on this states that parents/guardians must ensure their child (of relevant age) attends school at all times when the school is open for instruction.

Whenever there is an absence, the parent/guardian should provide an explanation on each occasion and the school will determine if the explanation provided is a reasonable excuse for the purposes of the parent meeting their responsibilities under the Education and Training Reform Act 2006.

In short, on every occasion a child is absent from school, parents must provide the school with an explanation as to why their child is absent. This can be done via a written note, or verbally over the phone.

**Term 3 Bulk Billing Due**
Please make sure that Term 3’s bulk billing money is paid to the office before the end of the week. If you have any questions please contact the office.

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**Working Bee**
A reminder that our Term 3 Working Bee is next Sunday 18th August (9.00am - 1.00pm). We encourage as many families as possible to attend and assist in the tasks to enhance our large grounds and surrounds.

Some tasks to attend to include:
- Remove and install 2 new basketball back boards.
- Clean up of gardens/beds.
- Re-distribute existing soft fall under existing playground equipment.
- Place prunings at bottom of driveway into green waste bin which will be provided.
- Place unwanted furniture items in various storage rooms into “hard rubbish” bin which will be provided.
- Fencing of our vegie garden.
- Repaint outdoor seats.

All parents and children are most welcome to enjoy our barbeque/drinks and social chat at the conclusion of the working bee supplied by our wonderful Parent’s Association.

Thank you.

*Buildings and Grounds Committee*
From The Sports Desk

On Tuesday St. David’s Cricket Club (Donvale Reserve) conducted clinics for 34P, 34E and our Foundation students. For further information about the Junior registration day and all other Club information, all parents are welcome to visit www.stdavidscc.com and click on the “Juniors and Milo” link.

Athletics Trials for our grade 5 and 6 children will be on Friday 30th August (9.00am - 11.00am) and for grades 3 and 4 children on Thursday 29th August (11.30 - 1.30). We would greatly appreciate parent assistance on both days for recording, timing and measuring.

The District Athletics are on September 17th.

Grade 5/6 Hooptime - A big thank you to our Senior students, staff and the many parents who made this day. The children displayed great enthusiasm, teamwork and skill throughout the day.

John Pianta

Basketball

Three wins and two losses were our games results for last Saturday. Daffodils played in a grand final rematch it was a very close game. CALLING ALL GRADE 4 & 5 BOYS!!! We are trying to put a team together for next season starting early next year. If you enjoyed hoop time and want to give basketball a go then please WE WANT YOU!! No basketball skills required just a willingness to run around and have some fun. Give me a call if you want to know more Diana 0434027144. We can even start you training now to get ready for the new season.

Times for this week are as follows:

Dinosaurs: v B/Hills Bull ants @ 1.30pm Leeds St
Daisy’s: v OLOP Penguins @ 10.10am Disc 1
Delights: v Milgate Midgets @ 8.30am Disc 1
Dreamers: v OLOP Ladybirds @ 9.20 Disc 2
Daffodils: v OLOP Rubies @ 9.20am Leeds St

Player Profile – JAMIESON D. DINOSAURS (captain)

Q. How long have you been playing?
A. 2 years

Q. What is your favourite subject at school?
A. Sport

Q. What is your favourite food/drink?
A. Sushi and Raspberry

Q. Where is your favourite place to holiday?
A. America (would like to go one day)

Q. What do you love doing as a family activity?
A. Playing games

Information & updates

For more information or general enquiries please contact Diana on 0434 027 144 or email di-anamcn@tpg.com.au. Also contact Diana if you have basketball news for the snippets.

Quote of the week

“One score makes happy ONE player, one assist makes happy TWO.” – Toni Kukoc
This week's session was another very engaging one. The children not only learnt about hamburgers but also about the "Temperature Danger Zone". The TDZ explains why we can't leave food at room temperature for too long.

Students arrived on time so we were able to start on time, and they still had some time left to play outside.

They were also a very polite group, and very confident that their hamburger creations were as good or better than Mrs. Clark's.

Well done boys and girls.

Thank you to the Frigo and Pappas families for their donations. Also thank you to Jaqui Frigo, Kate Pascale, Allison Pappas, Mr P, Mrs Clark and Martin for helping in the program.

Next week is the turn of group 5 to create hamburger with us. Ingredients we need are: tomato and cucumber.

**FROM THE KITCHEN:**
- Emily Y 56G: Delicious.
- Darcy B FHW: I liked it.
- Yanzhen C FHW: I think its yummy.
- Rosamund H FHW: It was yummy, thanks Jaqui for the chicken burger.
- Joshua M FHW: I love it and it was fun making it and I want to share with my Mum.
- James T FHW: Nice and I learned about Temperature Danger Zone.
- Cooper R FHW: It was fantastic.
- Georgia M 56G: It was the best thing I've ever had.
- Peter M 56G: Fantastic.
- Thomas J 56R: Beautiful.
- Mira C 12F: Yummy
- Ella M 12F: I wish I could have it everyday.
- Karli M 12F: It was the best thing ever.
- Angus P 12F: Absolutely awesome.
- Dante P 12F: It was really good.
- Connor R 12F: Delicious.
- Nikita S 12F: Yummy and really really good.
- Ben P 12W: It's a lot better than any hamburger I've ever made.
- Zoe N 12J: I've had bigger burgers but these ones were better.

**BIG THUMBS UP:**
- Sophie E 34P for creating Birthday cake with Grandma for her Mum (Happy Birthday Amanda).
- Max M 12W for cooking hamburger with her Mum for his family.
- Abby M 56R for creating lamb kefta and tabouli for her family.
- Ben P 12W, Zoe N 12J and Luca L 12J for sharing with us their food adventure while they were overseas.
- James T FHW for asking more details about bacteria in food.
- Georgia M 56G for answering so many questions given at the session.
- Mrs Clark for cooking hamburger for her family (but she didn't bake her own rolls).
Dear Parents & Students,

Welcome to week 6 of Term 3. Children enjoyed the dancing (AASC) and banana muffins cooked by preps and grade 1.

OSH will be supporting RSPCA’s Cupcake Day on 20th of August. By supporting fundraising for cupcake day for the RSPCA, you will be part of an exceptional group of supporters who understand the importance of pets in our lives. Your cupcakes will help give a surrendered puppy a home, rescue a neglected pony, provide emergency surgery to an injured kitten and save thousands of lives. So come and join this fight against animal cruelty with cupcakes.

Please make sure all enrolment forms are up to date and all medical action plans have also been checked and changed or updated if needed.

Remember bookings can be made right until 12pm the night before, or you can book on the day by calling or leaving the text message but there will be an extra charge of $3.00 for bookings within 24 hours. If you’re ever stuck and would like your child to attend OSH After School Care you can call me or leave a message on 0402 362 443 and I will get back to you. For some reason if you need to cancel the child from attending the after school care session you can cancel online or leave a text message on the program phone.

Jagruti Shah

Next Week’s Activities

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<td>After Care Activities</td>
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<td>Paper plate Rabbit Mask &amp; Dancing (AASC)</td>
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OSH program phone: 0402 362 443
Coordinator: Jagruti
Assistants: Caroline and Jennifer
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.

Birthday Wishes To

Celebrating from the 16th - 22nd August

Cooper M, Tyler D, Sandiv W, Peter M
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The prep children have been hearing the story of David and Jonathan (King Saul's son) and how they became friends and promised to always help each other. When David became King and Jonathan had died, he remembered his promise and looked after Jonathan's son who was crippled.

These stories can be found in the Old Testament in 1 Samuel 18 1-4 and 2 Samuel 9 1-13.

We talked about the importance of being a good friend and helping each other.

The Grade 1/2 children heard the story of Jesus teaching in the Temple when he was only 12 years old, while his parents were searching for him thinking he was lost! The children heard how Jesus respected and obeyed his parents. Luke 2 41-52

We discussed the importance of obeying and being respectful to our parents or care givers to stay safe.

The verse for the week is from the book of Ecclesiastes 4:9

You are better off to have a friend than to be all alone.

Have a great week ! God Bless!

Cheryl Shanks.

FROM THE STUDENTS

Hooptime

Bounce, swish, GOAL! 2 points to the Monkeys! On Friday the 9th of August the Level 5/6 students went to hooptime basketball at Nunawading Basketball Stadium. There were 5 rookie teams and 3 future star teams. The rookie teams played 6 matches against other rookie teams. The future star teams played more like a competition. I played for the Monkeys, a rookie team. We scored lots of goals against some teams who played outstandingly and saved lots of shots from the other team. One of our future star teams even made it to the semi-finals and only lost by one point! In one match I scored a crazy goal from a completely wild shot which sunk straight through the net. We won 3 matches, drew two and lost one.

Every team had a fantastic time.

By Jayden 5/6R

‘Lipsync’

Update...

We have had two fabulous days of performances so far.

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, the level 5/6 performance was postponed this week.

HOWEVER...

The 5/6 Lipsync performance day will be:

NEXT WEDNESDAY, 21st August, at lunchtime in the senior building.

Once our finalists have been decided, we will get them to perform at assembly. At this stage, those performances will be on Friday, 23rd August, at our regular Friday afternoon assembly.

Thank you to all the students and families who have supported Lipsync this year. It’s been great fun to watch!
Parents Association

Scholastic Book Fair and Book Week activities

We are running a colouring competition for all students.

Scholastic is providing a $15 voucher as prize for the winner of each level.

Colouring pages came home last week.

Judging will be performed by Lena Clark.

Book Fair dates and times

Thursday 22nd 8.45 to 9.30 and 3 to 4
Friday 23rd 8.45 to 9.30 and 3 to 6
Monday 26th 8.45 to 9.30 and 3 to 4

Federal Election Sep 7th

NEXT MEETING FRIDAY 23rd AUG, 1.30PM IN LIBRARY
A big thank you to Hoskins, Donvale for donating prizes towards our DPS raffle for 2013.

**Coming in Term 3 & 4**
- Father’s Day Evening activities, Thu 29th Aug
- DPS Raffle, Aug-Sep
- Federal Election Day, Sep 7th
- Kids Disco Friday October 25th
- Art Show and Auction Nov
- Christmas Stall
- Christmas Carols at School

**2013 Parents Association Contacts**
President – Kim Merton (Abby 56R, Ella 12J & Indi FRG)
Vice President – Jo Wood (Katrina 56C & Dan 34MP)
Secretary – Karin Moule (Holly 34P)
Promotions/Snippets – Stacey Browne (Ruby 56R & Maggie 34E)

Next scheduled P.A Meeting is **Monday 2nd Sep** at 9am in the library.

At this meeting we will be planning our fundraising program for 2014

We value your opinion and ideas, please come along.

Everyone welcome even if you have never attended a meeting before.

Stacey Browne
P.A

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Doncaster Salvo Familyzone - 25th August @ 3.29, East Doncaster. Hour of family fun followed by a light meal. $10 per family.
Sample Newsletter Article

Education Maintenance Allowance

Instalment Two

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

Parents and guardians may be eligible for the EMA if they have a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card.

The second instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) payment is due to be paid from mid-August onwards for parents/guardians who chose the ‘direct deposit’ or ‘pay direct to school’ payment option on their application form.

Parents/guardians who chose the cheque payment option will receive their payment from late August / early September.

Parents and guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second instalment EMA payment.

Parents/guardians whose children have transferred to this school since 28 February 2013 will need to submit a new EMA application form.

Applications close on 2 August 2013.

Eligibility information can be obtained from: www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeschool/ema/default.htm

Contact: School Office for an application form and further information.

Key Dates:

- Eligibility day - 15 July 2013
- Parent applications close - 2 August 2013
- Direct Deposit payments - Mid August 2013 onwards
- Cheque payments - Late August / Early September 2013
Invitation to meet the candidates hosted by Mitcham PS

Hear what your Federal candidates have to say about funding for your school and your children.

✓ Mike Symons – Member for Deakin (Labor)
✓ Michael Sukker – Liberal candidate
✓ Brendan Powell – Greens candidate

The Gonski Review provided recommendations to ensure real equity of opportunity for the education of our children. Five key findings:

✓ Urgent increases needed in the investment in our schools and their resources.
✓ A gap in student achievement is increasing in disadvantaged areas.
✓ Federal government funding to our schools will increase greatly with Gonski.
✓ Additional funding will upgrade facilities, provide extra staff and increase learning programs.
✓ It’s vital to invest for the future success of our children.

DATE: Tuesday 20th August - 2013
TIME: Beginning 3.30pm (this function should run for approximately 45 minutes)
LOCATION: Mitcham PS Performing Arts space (294 Mitcham Road, entry via Bowling Green Lane. Melways Map 48 Reference J7)
FORMAT: Each candidate will have a few minutes to outline their stance on education, followed by a question and answer session and finishing with light refreshments and an opportunity to mingle with the candidates.


Find out more at www.igiveagonski.com.au